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about 500 homes are on unadopted sewers, has suffered from more than 30 years of problems.

She said: "It's wonderful news. It's been miserable at times, the council and the water companies told us it's nothing to do with them, so we've had to do it ourselves.

"It's not just the inconvenience, when they start blocking up you get a terrible smell that lasts for weeks on end."

Unadopted sewers have come

within connect to it, often leading to disputes between residents over who was to blame for the problem.

William Batt, 75, of Barbara Avenue, Canvey, lives on a line of 26 properties served by an unadopted sewer, and has often had to organise a plumber when there has been a blockage.

He said: "It got quite embarrassing having to go round knocking on 26 houses saying the pipes are blocked up again, we're going to have to call some-

public ownership.

"I'm not against privatisation, with things like the telephone and the gas you have a choice of

**I have seen  
sewage spilling  
into people's  
homes and no one  
would take  
responsibility.**

the pipes serving your home in good condition, you can make a big difference to the size of any increase."

"That means not putting fats, oils and grease into drains, where they can solidify to cause blockages and flooding. Flushing items like wipes and nappies down the toilet is also a major cause of blocked pipes.

"If we could stop these sorts of things entering the sewers, we would cut the number of blockages in half, which would reduce the impact on customer bills."

## Traveller pitches counted from the air

BASILDON Council used a plane to count the number of gipsy and traveller pitches in the borough.

Each winter and summer, councils have to record the number of travellers parked in the area, in what is know

as the bi-annual caravan count.

Council officers have previously always done this by visiting sites on foot.

However, this year the count was recorded from a light aircraft.

Residents believe it was because officers did not want to set foot on the Dale Farm illegal site in Crays Hill because of fears over the reaction now the eviction notices have been served.

However, Neil Costen, plan-

ning enforcement manager, said: "In an effort to make effective use of council resources and officers' time, it has been decided on this occasion to count traveller caravans from a light aircraft, which cost less than £500."